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Charity on 'homes for heroes' mission

By PETE MAGILL

A veterans' charity and councillors are teaming up in a bid to kick-start a 'homes for heroes' scheme in the heart of Burnley.

Tony Hayes, chief executive of Veterans' Association UK (VAUK), has been in discussions with Trinity ward councillors Howard Baker and Tony Martin about establishing the first half-dozen properties for the ambitious initiative in their ward.

IN TALKS: Coun Baker

The councillors are approaching private landlords over a number of vacant properties in Albion Street, Grange Street, and Pritchard Street, about a link-up with VAUK.

Mr Hayes said: "We are hoping to start with a couple of veterans, who will live in the same house on a buddy system, and then go on from there."

Scheme to house veterans in empty properties

The charity recently moved from Kelbrook to International House, in Springfield Road, Burnley.

And the organisation, which provides support for veterans of all ages coming out of the services, is looking to hit the ground running in its new base.

Plans are being advanced to create a distance learning centre at its new offices, which formerly housed Burnley College's design school.

Coun Baker is also Burnley Council's executive member for housing and regeneration.

Coun Martin said: "Hopefully this way the landlords will receive some income for these two-up two-down properties, and the veterans can be rehomed."

Ex-services people interested in finding out more about VAUK, or who would like to volunteer, can contact the new office 01282 219391.

Grow your own: Humeira digs it!

CABBAGE PATCH: Five-year-old Humeira was among the pupils from Stoneyholme Community Primary School, Burnley, who took part in a gardening session at March Street community gardens

Picture: JADE DOHERTY

Making strides to help Oliver walk

Almost £15,000 has been raised for two-year-old Oliver Rushton, from Barnoldswick, who needs a life-changing operation to help him walk.

STORY 3

TERRY'S STAND-UP DATES

Award-winning radio show presenter Terry Christian, runner-up on Celebrity Big Brother, is entering the world of stand-up comedy, and brings his show Naked Confessions of a Recovering Catholic to two East Lancashire venues this week.

TIME 11

Burnley Hospital Radio goes off air

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Computer classes for 'silver surfers'

Silver surfers are being invited to computer classes for beginners, which are being offered by the North Valley Residents' Association, in Colne, at the community centre, in Birtwistle Avenue. The classes start on Wednesday, February 29.

Annual jobs fair

The Rainhall Centre, in Barnoldswick, will hold its annual jobs fair on February 28, from 10am to 2pm.

The aim is not only for companies to fill vacancies, but also to help local people know about careers, and other opportunities.

Charity shop plea

Donations of everything from toys, clothing, and bric-a-brac, to jewellery, gifts, small items of furniture, and games, will be accepted by fledgling Padiham charity shop, East Lancs People First, which has opened in Burnley Road.

Concern over youths

Issues of youths hanging around outside the McColl's shop, in Glenroy Avenue, Colne, have been raised at a PACT meeting between police and residents.

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£14,000 raised to help Oliver walk

But more cash needed to pay for life-changing op

By TYRONE MARSHALL

Almost £15,000 has been raised for a Barnoldswick tot who needs a life-changing operation to help him walk.

Oliver Rushton, two, suffers from spastic diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, and needs a specialist spinal procedure which could cost £25,000.

His parents Adam and Helen, of Carr Road, began fundraising efforts in late August and have raised just under £15,000.

"Everybody's support has been overwhelming," said Helen, a part-time midwife at Burnley General Hospital.

Oliver, who cannot stand up or walk without assistance, experiences constant tightness and stiffness in his legs, and gets around by crawling.

He has been referred to Leeds General Infirmary for an assessment and, once that is carried out, the couple will decide whether to let Oliver have surgery there, or go to America where the Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy operation was pioneered.

"We're now very optimistic that Oliver is going to have the operation this year, be it in America, or Leeds," said Helen.

Despite his condition, his mum said that Oliver was an active little boy, adding: "He's quite a determined little character, and a quick crawler.

"Although he can't walk, he can still get into mischief."

He has started nursery and has been a member of Pendle Riding for the Disabled since June.

"He's their youngest rider," said Helen. "He loves it and it's good for his balance."

Helen said the generosity of friends, family, work colleagues, the local community, and even strangers, has been absolutely fantastic.

A race night at Rolls-Royce has been the largest fundraiser, at £6,000.

A rock and roll hair event, at Halo salon, raised £1,600, and a bake-off at Burnley General Hospital made £800.

Upcoming events include the Skipton Triathlon, which will feature many regulars from the Greyhound pub competing in support of Oliver.

And Skipton Young Farmers have organised an 'It's a Knockout' event in the summer.

DETERMINED: Oliver Rushton tries walking with the aid of a frame

Council to sell off 24 houses

Pendle Council is set to sell off a block of 24 properties it owns in Walton Street, Colne, in a bid to see them refurbished.

The council bought the properties through a compulsory purchase order in February 2010 to redevelop the area as part of the Housing Market Renewal (HMR) programme.

But the scheme has not moved forward following the termination of HMR funding, and the council is now keen to sell the properties to a housing developer. Judith Watmough, Pendle Council's senior regeneration boss, said: "Due to economic factors, reflecting the poor state of the economy, the cessation of HMR funding, etc, it has not proved possible to develop a viable scheme involving the development of new houses on the site as originally intended."

Business minister to visit VEKA

Business secretary Vince Cable is set to visit one of Burnley's biggest and most successful employers.

The Lib Dem Cabinet Minister is due to meet workers and be shown around VEKA off Rossendale Road, on Saturday.

He will be joined on his second visit to the town in 12 months by Burnley MP Gordon Birtwistle, who said Mr Cable would also attend his regular Saturday surgery, meeting constituents in the town centre.

Mr Birtwistle said: "Vince Cable was very keen to visit the town. VEKA are the UK's largest manufacturer of PVC-U profile and have recently taken on 200 more people.

"He will be visiting the factory, before heading to the Weavers' Triangle to see the investment that has been put in, before having a private lunch with business leaders.

"It is a great privilege to have him visit."

The Business Secretary is said to be a strong supporter of plans for an aerospace park on the former Michelin site in Burnley, creating up to 2,000 jobs.

Last July he was shown around the Heasandford site by the Burnley MP, who believes the land could become a national leader in the sectors.

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£250 grant awarded to community centre

Burnley County Councillor Jeff Sumner has approved a grant of £250 to the Coal Clough Community Association.

The money will go towards the cost of a replacement carpet in the activities area of the centre.

Free parking trial plan

A new scheme to offer free parking on several Nelson town centre car parks is being looked at. The project may be trialled as a way of attracting people on to the car parks who do not use the current disc parking system.

Fun club for kids

A fun club for children, aged five to nine, takes place at Nelson Baptist Church, in Woodlands Road, every Tuesday. The Ark Group meets between 6pm and 7.45pm.

Over-50s exercise

An exercise class for over-50s, organised by Age UK Lancashire, takes place every Monday, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm, at Higherford Methodist Church, in Gisburn Road.

Trespass complaints

Police are to probe reports of trespass on the recycling site in Briercliffe, Burnley, after complaints at a PACT meeting.

Rogue parking probe

Dangerous parking near the schools in Pendle Way and Wellfield Drive, in Burnley, is to be looked at by local police.

Burnley Hospital Radio off air after 60 years

By KATE JACKSON

The airwaves of Burnley Hospital Radio have fallen silent for the last time after 60 years of broadcasting to thousands of patients.

One former presenter, who has gone on to work for Sky Sports, called it 'the end of an era', while Burnley's MP said it was a great loss.

Volunteers decided to pull the plug themselves as there were not enough patients at the hospital, but have moved equipment to the Royal Blackburn Hospital.

Clarets supporters being treated in Blackburn will still be able to hear live coverage of home games from the station's sports team.

Former presenter Peter Smith said the station helped launch his broadcasting career, and he now reports on football games for Sky TV.

He said: "I was a volunteer at the radio station from August 1982 to March 1988. I can honestly say that they were among the best days of my life.

"I am very grateful for my time at the radio.

"It paved the way for a 25-year career and gave me some extremely memorable times.

"I met some fantastic people who volunteered there who were so dedicated to what they did.

"I am truly sad to hear that it has closed. It is the end of an era."

The station first broadcast in 1951 after solicitor Colin Sanderson and a fellow Round Table member saw a similar operation in Birmingham when following the Clarets.

It was funded by The Round Table until the 1970s when volunteers took it over.

At one stage, it was listened to by patients in the Victoria, the General, and the Marsden, in Burnley, Reedyford, at Nelson, and Hartley Hospital, in Colne.

Around 32 volunteer presenters and request collectors kept the station going.

Regular features included coverage of Burnley home and away games, a daily religious programme, and amateur operatic shows from the stage of the former Palace Theatre, in St James's Street, Burnley.

END OF ERA: Coronation Street star Julie Hesmondhalgh opens Burnley Hospital Radio's new studio in 2007. Above, Sky Sports presenter Peter Smith

Hazel Harding, Trust chairman, said: "The volunteers themselves decided to cease broadcasting due to the change in patient mix at the Burnley General Hospital site. However, they have agreed with the hospital radio at Blackburn that they will continue to broadcast Bur-nley Football Club home matches, so patients can still listen to the game, and this broadcast also goes to a number of blind supporters who attend the game."

Burnley MP Gordon Birtwistle said: "It delivered a great service to patients in hospital. It made their day a lot easier by hearing the presenters' cheery voices. It is a great loss."

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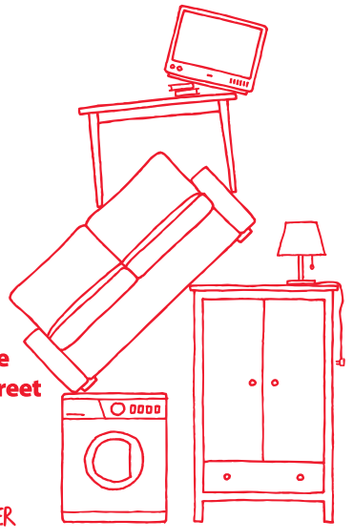

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'Wakeboarding centre will deface beauty spot' claim

A proposed wakeboarding centre on Burnley's Rowley Lake will only "deface" the beauty spot, says a local councillor.

Residents living around the nature haven have said they are seriously concerned about the impact plans for a water sports complex will have on the lake, according to Cliviger Conservative councillor Andrew Newhouse.

Just last month Sport England announced a £70,000 grant for the project, which would see a wakeboarding centre and canoeing school created in the Brun Valley Forest Park.

Coun Newhouse said: "I still cannot believe we are trying to deface Rowley Lake with this wakeboarding centre.

"We have already got giant wind turbines forced upon us in Cliviger, and if it's not careful this council is going to become known for destroying its beauty spots."

Coun Newhouse said he had been approached by a number of people living in the immediate area around the lake.

But Labour Coun John Harbour, executive member for leisure, said the facility will benefit the whole borough.

He added: "I know that there will be some people opposed to this, but I can assure you that there are also a lot of people supporting this bid.

"There has been some scaremongering about what is going to be built there and you would think there was going to be a power station there.

"We are developing a sporting and recreational facility for the whole town and I hope that local people can recognise that."

The proposed centre would also offer opportunities in trail running, orienteering, angling, and triathlon.

Restaurant and gym plan for student village

A new restaurant and gym are the latest proposed additions to ambitious plans for a student village in Burnley.

PLANS: Kingsway House

Supporters say the eaterie, situated at the main entrance of the existing Kingsway House, will be one of the main focuses of the venture by East Lancashire Regeneration Ltd.

Planning approval has already been forthcoming, subject to legal agreements over cycling provisions, to convert the main building into a 126-bedroom complex with associated shops and offices. And outline bids to build two adjoining accommodation blocks, at either end of Kingsway House, were also successful.

One will have a pub on the ground and first floors, and the other will also feature a restaurant development. It is hoped that the scheme will entice students currently undertaking courses at the Burnley UCLan campus, and those attending the University College of Football Business, based at Turf Moor.

The developers feel it is only natural that, taking into account the age profile of their target market, sporting and catering facilities are incorporated into the overall design.

Planning agent Alan Kinder said in a report: "Given the number of people who will eventually reside on site, and the site's close relationship to the town centre, then an extension of the range of services available on site would logically include gym facilities."

He has told council planners that they have already been approached by a 'national operator' interested in running a gym in the building's basement

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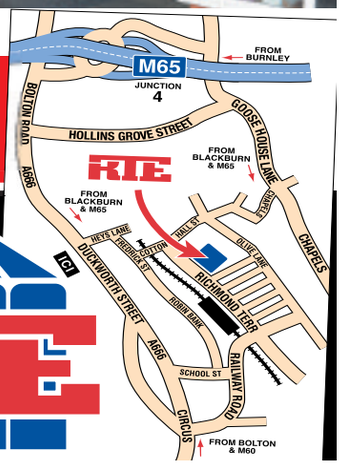

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iSay

Tony Hayes, chief executive officer and founder of the Veterans' Association UK, explains the importance of looking after Britain's service personnel on their return to civilian life.

"The Veterans' Association UK (VAUK) was set up in April 2011. I was appalled to discover the number of veterans living rough on the streets, and the lack of care for them, especially in terms of mental health issues and housing.

I was joined and advised by Surgeon Rear Admiral Ralph Curr, a former head of naval medicine, and an expert on combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

We set up an office in Kelbrook, in September 2011, which was not really suitable geographically, so we moved to new offices in Burnley in September 2012, to what is now called the VAUK Centre

We have very active regional co-ordinators in many parts of the country helping veterans with issues ranging from housing, mental health and education, to general inquiries about locating old regimental associations, veterans badges, or claiming relatives' medals.

We have formed working partnerships with specialist psychological organisations like Talking2Minds, the Military Veterans' Service and Veteran to Veteran.

Recently we teamed up with three Burnley councillors, Tony Martin, Howard Baker and Liz Monks in helping utilise the many empty houses in this area to re-house homeless veterans.

To date we have re-housed seven veterans, six of whom were homeless.

We obtained funding for a terminally-ill ex-merchant seaman who served in the Russian and Atlantic convoys, whose funding for treatment at home was cut by the NHS.

We are also in the process of setting up a distance learning centre to run vocational courses for veterans linked into other learning centres. We have received a £10,000 grant to buy new classrooms and equip them for distance learning. We have been active in Parliament in recent years, meeting with senior politicians, cabinet ministers and the Ministry of Defence."

SUPPORT: Tony Hayes, of VAUK

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Burnley on social media sites this week

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Being a good student and doing my reading on this never-ending X43 journey. It mentions Burnley/Bburn/Accy in my accent+dialect textbook
@eeeeeevangeline

But by the looks of it the author of this book has never ever heard Burnley vowels. We most certainly do not use post-vocalic /r/. Deary me.
@eeeeeevangeline

Great to hear that #Burnley and #Pendle youth councils will come together for a #sleepout to promote awareness and funds for homeless youth
@jackMYP

The online debate

Promoter of Burnley's Towneley Live festival goes bust - but council will try to save event

So just as they are making loads of people redundant again, they will find thousands of pounds for a pathetic event that only attracted a handful of people.
rumblesteveskin

The bill did not entertain the people of East Lancashire and then they started to discount the tickets to generate sales, from further afield.
Next time the borough councillors want to use external organisations to run an outdoor event use the expertise which resides in the borough, or look how other boroughs like Bingley or Kendal run their events.....
it's only rock n roll

Animal charity rehomes record number of cats in Burnley and Pendle

Finding new homes does not solve the growing problem, only a policy of automatic humane destruction of the hundreds of strays/unwanteds
jimpy0

Sounds like a very effective branch, well done. As far as possible neutering is the way to go to reduce the number of unwanted and neglected animals.
ian123xyz

Jimpy - would you apply your policy of 'humane destruction' to stray and unwanted humans too? Animals have every right to live.
davidinburnley

REHOMED: Cats and kittens

More cats rehomed, no doubt the owners will let them out to foul their neighbours' gardens and wipe out local wildlife.
bigdee123

'Homes for heroes' plan for Burnley

It's time soldiers, and others who serve queen and country were given priority housing over those who expect something for nothing. All that seems to happen in these times is an aim to gain benefits, get off your face, and push out a child or 12.
Major Tom

I think you'll find that soldiers leaving the service get a great deal of help with rehoming already.
BurnleyLass22

Burnley and Pendle streets crying out for regeneration

Simple. Get the owners to take out a second mortgage like I had to, don't wait for a grant, get your hand in your pockets. All the grants in the last 10 years in Nelson/Brierfield is just silly. These owners own more than one property and the council are giving them free money. It's a joke. Some owners know if they neglect their homes the council will do it up. The last grants given out, one man had 5 houses on the same row that he rents out and still did his properties up. Amazing.
coates warder

At last a report that makes sense. No need to build thousands of new houses that very few people can afford, get these traditional 2 up 2 downs back into use and, above all, clamp down on the anti-social blight and the area will become one people wish to live in again, especially the young who can not get on the housing ladder.
michael@clitheroesince58

Well the MPs for Burnley and Pendle are part of the coalition, so shouldn't these 2 be highlighting this report to the housing minister, and start to do what they were elected to do and represent their constiuents.
Real Lancs Assembly

Big changes are needed after Portas review, Nelson's business community is told.

I can think of some 'radical changes' that would help - mostly involving bulldozers and wrecking balls!
Rimbus

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This week's word grid is a bit of a mind game – it hides 32 words to do with your brain, and how it works. The words are all listed below – you have 15 minutes to find them.

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Sudoku Number 554

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

Sudoku 550

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Sudoku 551

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5	3	6	1	7	8	9	2	4
9	4	7	3	2	5	1	8	6
1	2	8	9	6	4	3	7	5

Sudoku 552

2	1	9	4	8	5	6	3	7
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1	4	5	7	3	8	2	9	6
9	8	3	6	2	4	7	5	1
5	2	7	3	9	1	8	6	4
4	6	1	8	5	7	3	2	9

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Test your telly knowledge?

1. Natalie Gumede, right, was recently nominated for a National Television Award. What character does she play in Coronation Street?
2. Alex Polizzi is back for a new series of the business remedy show The Fixer. What famous hotel group does her family hail from?
3. Sharon Rooney plays a Lancashire lass in E4's My Mad Fat Diary, but which city is she from?
4. David Morrissey plays The Governor in The Walking Dead. The show is filmed in which American city?
5. Cast Your Mind Back... Dancing On Ice is back on ITV on Sunday nights. What's the name of the band that new judge Ashley Roberts used to be a member of?

ANSWERS: 1.Kirsty Soames 2. Forte 3. Glasgow 4. Atlanta 5. The Pussycat Dolls

4-letter words

The name game is staying topical today with the name of disgraced minister

CHRIS HUHNE

in the frame after he changed his plea to guilty to perverting the course of justice over his efforts to dodge a speeding offence. How many four letter words can you make from his name. Each letter may be used once only in each word – NOT admissible are abbreviations; prefixes; proper names; poetic short forms; plurals and verb forms ending in 's', slang or words to make granny blush. The target is 16 words.

Horoscopes with Claire Petulengro

Aries March 21st-April 20th

The Sun is bringing out your needy side and you may find yourself asking for commitments you neither want nor need. Think before you speak my friend, your future is at stake. Children and younger faces in general come to the fore and you may find yourself having to guide them through a problem of some sort. Call now to hear how foreign countries may soon beckon to you.

Call: 0906 585 4516

Taurus April 21st-May 21st

The wonderful thing about you Taurus, is that when you're in the mood, you can convince anyone of anything. The big question is do you really want to tell a close one a lie which may be revealed a few months or even years down the line? I don't think so, for you'll only end up tearing down all you've built up. Honesty midweek can work miracles. Call now so I can tell you more.

Call: 0906 585 4517

Gemini May 22nd-June 21st

You have a lot of work to do but you also have some personal issues you want to deal with. Which should take precedence? There will be room for both if you can organise your time well this week. Careful of a jealous ex trying to spread rumours. To react to what they've said will only add fuel to the fire. Give me a call now to hear whose forced change can allow you to make a change yourself.

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Cancer June 22nd-July 23rd

Places of health or fitness come to the fore and you may have to sacrifice your time in order to take care of something which you did not expect. The stars are behind you for a really successful week. All you have to do is keep your eyes peeled and your ears to the ground. What is happening this week can be the beginning of positive change in your life. Phone now to reveal your future.

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Leo July 24th-August 23rd

There is no point in speaking untruths just for the sake of it. You may think that you're acting out a fine performance but other signs in the zodiac would beg to differ. Try to keep your nose clean in business this week. It's the only way you will ensure that offers you receive are permanent and not just temporary ones. Phone now to hear when you hold the fine art of seduction.

Call: 0906 585 4520

Virgo August 24th-September 23rd

Plans may not go as expected but instead you will see a wealth of opportunity. Anything is possible if you can have confidence in who you are and what you want. Finally you get the chance to shape your life. Call now for the week in detail.

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Libra September 24th-October 23rd

Faces you haven't seen since last Christmas come to mind, or in some cases even come back into your life again. Some pretty major influences have seen change in others' lives and you're about to find out how they're going to influence yours too Libra. Knowing who you are and what you want can get you ahead of the game. Phone me now to reveal a secret admirer you've earned.

Call: 0906 585 4522

Scorpio October 24th-November 22nd

Friends don't seem to be as honest with you as they were and this has much to do with the vibes you've been giving out since January. It's time to come clean and tell them what you're really up to. Several close ones have already guessed your secret. Financial setbacks can be avoided if you are more honest about your outgoings. Ring me now to hear what help Saturn can offer to you.

Call: 0906 585 4523

Sagittarius November 23rd-December 21st

Your need to have things done your way can often cause a problem for your close ones who at least want the chance to tell you their view of things. A new face has an offer of love for you but do they really know the real you? Jupiter helps you to sort out a professional or legal matter before Friday. Give me a call now to find out why you're destined to be spoilt for choice this year.

Call: 0906 585 4524

Capricorn December 22nd-January 20th

New beginnings may be scary but they can also be a good thing, especially if you keep an open mind and heart. Listening to others opinions and thoughts on life on Thursday and Friday can show you an alternative way of dealing with something which has been a thorn in your side for the last fortnight. Give me a call now to hear who has a secret you need to get to the bottom of.

Call: 0906 585 4525

Aquarius January 21st-February 19th

I know you feel as if life hasn't given you much of a break lately but you haven't exactly been honest with those around you, have you? Trust me, this is one situation where you can only feel relief from telling the truth. It's been eating away at you and affecting your health so what possible good can it do to continue in this way. Ring me now to hear which are your power days.

Call: 0906 585 4526

Pisces February 20th-March 20th

Don't allow yourself to be bullied into something which suits someone but does not fit in with you. You don't have to scream and shout even if they want to. Keeping your cool on Thursday can see you coming out the more mature one in this drama. New flirtations come at a price. Check what it is before you proceed with it. Ring now to hear which sign would be your match made in heaven.

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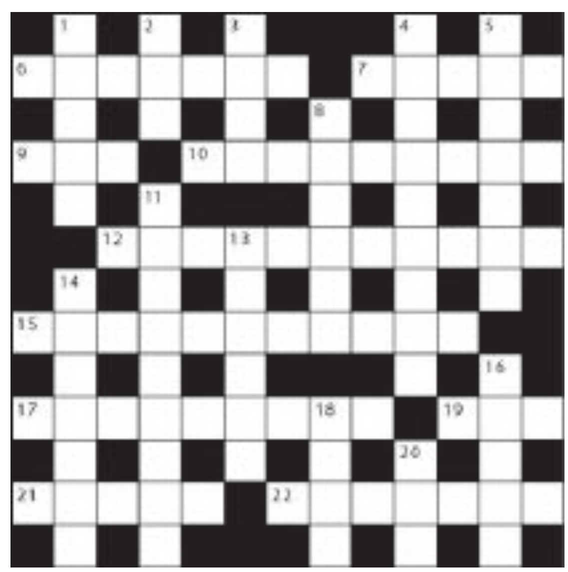

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

6. Dishonest player? (7)
7. Where love is not a scoring point (5)
9. Wave, bow out with difficulty (3)
10. Robust enough to take a leathering? (9)
12. I am to some extent without bias (11)
15. Not caring if friend is out before about ten (11)
17. Have nothing further to do with dear tie-up (9)
19. Put down non-professional (3)
21. Dirty article lost by relation (5)
22. Record of meeting doesn't take very long (7)

DOWN

1. In which some may be caught out by slips (5)
2. Some good expression in a poem (3)
3. Didn't touch one side (4)
4. Dissatisfaction expressed in illness? (9)
5. Warn leg will get broken in angry dispute (7)
8. One who can't serve immediately? (6)
11. Wickedly one politician collects debt with cunning (9)
13. A very loud tune causes concern (6)
14. Insect picks girl up with feeler (7)
16. Stout newspaper man unlucky after 9 (5)
18. Mark the writer lacking a very close sibling (4)
20. Dock or this from 7 (3)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

6. Tenor (7)
7. Speedy (5)
9. Fresh (3)
10. Society (9)
12. Incapacitated (3,2,6)
15. Punctuality (11)
17. Nomadic (9)
19. Summit (3)
21. Zest (5)
22. Irreverent (7)

DOWN

1. Odd (5)
2. Fitting (3)
3. Threesome (4)
4. Size (9)
5. Speech (7)
8. Communicate (6)
11. Peak (9)
13. Clamour (6)
14. Irritable (7)
16. Sham (5)
18. Deaden (4)
20. Bind (3)

Solutions

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS: ACROSS: 6 Fiddler; 7 Court; 9 Ill; 10 Strapping; 12 Impartially; 15 Indifferent; 17 Repudiate; 19 Lay; 21 Uncle; 22 Minutes. **DOWN:** 1 Field; 2 Ode; 3 Left; 4 Complaint; 5 Wrangle; 8 Waiter; 11 Impiously; 13 Affair; 14 Antenna; 16 Fated; 18 Twin; 20 Cut.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS: ACROSS: 6 Purport; 7 Rapid; 9 New; 10 Community; 12 Out of action; 15 Promptitude; 17 Itinerant; 19 Top; 21 Gusto; 22 Impious. **DOWN:** 1 Queer; 2 Apt; 3 Trio; 4 Magnitude; 5 Diction; 8 Impart; 11 Culminate; 13 Outcry; 14 Fretful; 16 Bogus; 18 Numb; 20 Tie

'Titanic Town' ambitions

Plans are being drawn up to make Colne a 'Titanic Town' after the success of centenary celebrations focusing on tragic bandmaster Wallace Hartley.

Supporters of the Titanic in Lancashire Museum are already planning to perform a wreath-laying ceremony at Hartley's memorial, off Albert Road.

And curator Nigel Hampson is eager for more people to get on board and turn the Titanic commemorations into an annual event.

Museum volunteers and Nigel are drawing up a memorial wall dedicated to victims of the White Star liner disaster.

Nigel said: "Building on the successful Titanic 100 festival, organised by Pendle Council in 2012, and supported by many groups and organisations, we would like to make this an annual event for Colne and Lancashire."

The possibility of a memorial service at Hartley's graveside and a further wreath-laying is also being explored.

Perhaps the most ambitious initiative is a courtroom drama, based on the inquiry undertaken in the aftermath of the liner's sinking.

Further development is also underway regarding a series of history walks which were first trialled in the centenary celebrations.

It would feature the Bethel Independent Methodist Church, in Burnley Road, where Hartley was a choirboy, and his childhood homes in Albert Road and Burnley Road, as well as the memorial statue and graveside.

Last year musical director Peter Young staged a world premiere of a new piece of music based on Hartley's life.

And Jonathan Evans Jones, who played the bandmaster in the 1992 James Cameron film, also took part in a memorial concert.

Those interested in becoming involved in the Titanic 101 festival are asked to ring Nigel at the museum on 01282 861833.

Alternatively email titanic inlancs@hotmail.co.uk

GLIMPSE INTO PAST: Sean Hankins from Florida, a White Star Memories volunteer, at last year's Glimpse Inside Titanic Exhibition at Colne Municipal Hall

Review of playing pitches

A review of playing pitch provision in Burnley is to be carried out as part of the council's Green Spaces Strategy.

Council chiefs said increased demand for junior pitches within the borough had led to the review.

Questionnaires have been given to sports clubs and schools, to help determine demand, and how it can be met. The strategy will look at options to make best available use of all the pitches within the borough, before looking at whether more pitches are required.

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He offers a free consultation for new dentures, or related problems and, in conjunction with an implant specialist, provides dental implants to stabilise troublesome dentures.

The centre also offers handcrafted dentures for a natural look, a one-hour repair service, electronic cleaning, and an oral cancer screening service.

It is open Monday to Friday, and both Saturday morning and evening appointments are available on request, as well as home visits.

Mr Heaysman qualified in London in 1970 and has considerable experience in both prosthetic and ceramic laboratory work. He has had his own laboratory in East Lancashire for 28 years. During this time he has undertaken further study, gaining the Diploma in Denturism from George Brown College, Toronto, in 2003.

He moved to the new purpose-designed premises, in Albert Road, in 2006 and, as the business has gone from strength to strength, has opened a second clinic in Pickup Street, Clayton-le-Moors, and a third in Skipton.

Clinical dental technicians are not dentists, but skilled practitioners who work in parallel with local dental practices to deliver specialist services to clients, including the fitting of dentures. Equipped with solid technical training, technicians can design, create, construct, repair, and modify removable appliances to ensure optimal fit, maximum comfort, and general well-being of patients.

Said Mr Heaysman: "The role of clinical dental technicians working alongside dental practices has never been more important and that is reflected by the fact that the first time this year our profession has enjoyed registration with the General Dental Council. This is in large part a reflection of the way in which people are living longer and enjoying vastly improved lifestyles, so are increasingly focused on all aspects of their health, appearance, and well-being."

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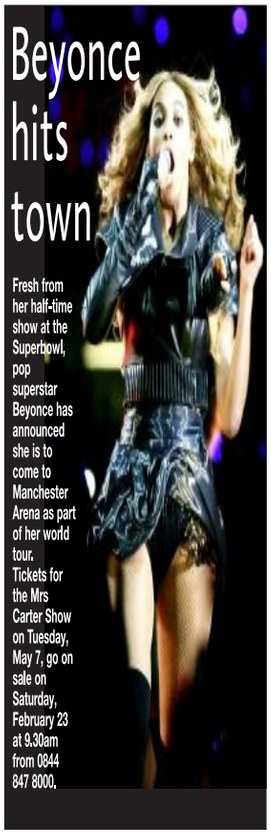

Fresh from her half-time show at the Superbowl, pop superstar Beyonce has announced she is to come to Manchester Arena as part of her world tour. Tickets for the Mrs Carter Show on Tuesday, May 7, go on sale on Saturday, February 23 at 9.30am from 0844 847 8000.

Terry stands up to be counted in comedy

He's an award-winning radio show presenter, been host of one of TV's most controversial programmes, come runner-up on Celebrity Big Brother, and now Terry Christian is entering the world of stand-up comedy.

The self-confessed 'gobby Manc' brings his show Naked Confessions of a Recovering Catholic to two East Lancashire venues this week – Burnley Mechanics on Friday, and the Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn, on Saturday.

"I suppose I have a reputation for being a bit edgy," said Terry. "But a friend of mine, Johnny J, said to me 'when was the last time that you really did anything when you really put your neck on the line?'

"I thought about it and realised that he was right, so when a venue in Chester asked me to do a night I thought I'd try and do it in stand-up style. I've done the one-man show, talking about my career, but this is something totally different."

FUNNY SIDE: DJ Terry Christian

Terry admits that he was so drunk come the night he can't really remember what he did, but that he talked for 90 minutes. That show sowed the seeds for this current dates.

"That was last April and I realised that if I wanted to do this I had to work on an act that I was happy with and which worked," he said.

"I then started going to a comedy club and doing 10 minute slots to test things out. There were nights when I died, but I learned from that.

"Since then it has gone so well and I've now got a show I'm happy with and which, touch wood, hasn't bombed yet.

"A lot of it is about growing up working class, and how you are perceived. It is a stand-up show, but I do come back at the end for a question-and-answer session and people can ask me anything they like."

Terry grew up in South Manchester, close to Manchester United's Old Trafford ground.

He got a scholarship to St Bede's College – "the Manchester Grammar for Catholics" – and began a career in local radio.

He was at the forefront of the Manchester music scene which produced the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays, and has won two Sony Awards for his radio shows.

Terry has never been afraid to take a risk, but is quick to point out his career path has been more by chance than design.

"People find it hard to believe, but I have always been really shy," he said.

"But I have always had this thing about authority. I always like to challenge things. I was a quiet lad, but I always had my back to the wall, and even at school I always felt I had to justify myself.

"As far as my career goes, things have just happened. There has never been any great plan.

"Jonny J made me come to my senses and realise that I was just cruising along. Now I just want to get out there."

■ **Terry Christian, Burnley Mechanics, Friday, February 15 (details 01282 664400) and Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn, Saturday, February 16 (box office 01254 685500)**

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OF MICE AND MEN — Octagon Theatre, Bolton, until Saturday, February 16.
DAVID COPPERFIELD — Oldham Coliseum, until Saturday, February 23.
AN INSPECTOR CALLS — The Grand, Clitheroe, Saturday, February 16.
RUTHERFORD AND SON — Dukes Theatre, Lancaster, Tuesday, February 19 to Saturday, February 23.
TULL — Octagon Theatre, Bolton, Thursday, February 21 to Saturday, March 16.
AFTER SEPTEMBER — Civic Arts Centre, Oswaldtwistle, Friday and Saturday, February, 23 and 24.

GIGS

JAKE BUGG — 53 Degrees, Preston. Wednesday, February 13.
THE UNION — Manchester Academy, Wednesday, February 13.
I AM KLOOT — Manchester Ritz, Thursday, February 14.
STEVE KNIGHTLEY — Bury Met, Thursday, February 14.
CAST — King George's Hall, Blackburn, Friday, February 15.
GENO WASHINGTON — Bury Met, Friday, February 15.
KAISER CHIEFS — Manchester Apollo, Friday, February 15.
USHER — Manchester Arena, Friday, February 15.
KING PLEASURE AND THE BISCUIT BOYS, King George's Hall, Blackburn, Saturday, February 16.
RUSSELL SHAUN'S BIG BAND — Colne Muni, Saturday, February 16.
CALEXICO — Manchester Ritz, Saturday, February 16.
KAISER CHIEFS — Preston Guild Hall, Tuesday, February 19.
THE BRONX — Manchester Academy, Tuesday, February 19.
WALK THE MOON — Manchester Academy, Wednesday, February 20.
FAIRPORT CONVENTION — Burnley Mechanics, Thursday, February 21.
MR CAR AND THE JACKAL — Bury Met, Thursday, February 21.
JUSTIN BIEBER — Manchester Arena, Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 22.

CLASSICAL

VALENTINE'S CONCERT — with Camilla Kerslake in aid of Rosemere Foundation, Blackburn Cathedral. Friday, February 15.
ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA — Preston Guild Hall, Sunday, February 17.

COMEDY

PATRICK MONAHAN — Preston Guild Hall, Thursday, February 14.
JUSTIN MOORHOUSE — The Lowry, Salford Quays, Friday, February 15.
THE HOUSE THAT STANK OF DEATH — The ACE Centre, Nelson, Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16.
PEACOCK AND GAMBLE — The Lowry, Salford Quays, Sunday, February 17.
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DANCE

COMPANY CHAMELEON — The Lowry, Salford Quays, Thursday, February 14.

SAX APPEAL: King Pleasure

A troubled genius with killer touch

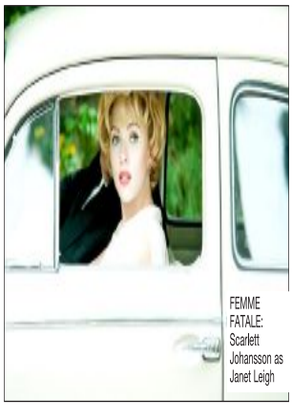
HITCHCOCK (12A)

In a career spanning more than 50 years, London-born film-maker Alfred Hitchcock redefined the cinematic landscape with his diabolical and twisted thrillers.

Yet for all that success and public adulation, he never won an Academy Award as Best Director and had to put his personal fortune on the line to commit arguably his crowning achievement to celluloid.

Hitchcock focuses on the fractious relationship between the film-maker (Anthony Hopkins) and his screenwriter wife Alma Reville (Helen Mirren) during the turbulent period when the couple risked everything to self-finance "a nice, clean, nasty little piece of work" called Psycho. Studios bosses balk at distributing the film and the universally-feared Motion Picture Production Code voices its concerns about the infamous shower scene.

Hitchcock nurtures an obsession with his blonde leading lady, Janet Leigh (Scarlett Johansson).



FEMME FATALE: Scarlett Johansson as Janet Leigh

Citizen Movies

In response, Alma entertains overtures from fellow writer Whitfield Cook (Danny Huston), which fans the flames of her husband's jealousy. Pressures on and off the set take their toll and Hitchcock is haunted by the spirit of Ed Gein (Michael Wincott) — the notorious serial killer who was the inspiration for Norman Bates.

Hitchcock is a handsomely crafted portrait of tortured genius, distinguished by scintillating performances.

Mirren oozes steely resolve, while Hopkins captures the awkwardness and insecurities of a visionary who struggled with his weight.

Ralph's game for a change

WRECK IT RALPH (PG)

Wreck-It Ralph (voiced by John C Reilly) is the bad guy in a game called Fix-It Felix Jr.

However, after years of destruction, Ralph yearns to be the hero for once.

So with a heavy heart, Ralph breaks protocol to seek adventure in a futuristic first-person shooting game called Hero's Duty, serving under the command of ballsy space trooper Sergeant Calhoun (Jane Lynch). But Ralph escapes the game and unwittingly transports an alien Cy-Bug from Hero's Duty into the neighbouring Sugar Rush racing game.

Citizen DVDs

MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG)

Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria hanker for a return to New York's Central Park Zoo. They leave Africa and head first to Monte Carlo to reunite with the penguins, where the gang has a close encounter with tenacious animal control officer Captain Chantel DuBois and her scooter-riding cronies.

THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (12)

Charlie (Logan Lerman) is devastated by the suicide of his friend. Free-spirited Sam (Emma Watson), encourages Charlie to take the terrifying leaps of faith facing every teenager on the cusp of adulthood.

SINISTER (PG)

Novelist Ellison Oswalt (Ethan Hawke) moves to a leafy community with his family. The father neglects to mention to his brood that the previous owners of the house came to an unfortunate end, and the sole survivor — a little girl — disappeared without trace.

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IT'S A FACT
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Uncork some Chilean reds

In the past 10 years, Chile has gone from a bulk producer of soft and juicy reds to a pioneer of exceptional wines.

And while its gifted winemakers have kept the lid on mainstream prices, some of Chile's premium wines don't break the bank either.

For a joyous taste of South America, check out these full-flavoured gems:

■ The Wine Selection Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile (£5.98, Asda) offers drinkers a snapshot of how Chile can turn its hand to this full-bodied, blackcurranty style. Enjoy it on its own, or with red meats and tomato-based pasta dishes.

■ Waitrose's Reserva Chilean Carmenere 2011, Rapel Valley, Chile (£5.99 from £7.99, from February 13 to March 12, Waitrose) has rich, spice-edged flavours.

■ Alternatively, try Casa Silva Reserva Carmenere 2010, Colchagua Valley, Chile (£9.99, www.averys.com), which is packed with Chilean warmth and bright red fruit.

Humble potato smashing base for a balanced diet

Nutrition experts recommend potatoes as a perfect base for a balanced diet, helping you to maintain a healthy weight.

Potatoes are naturally fat free and have a low energy density — the amount of calories/kilojoules they provide per gramme — which makes them ideal for helping with weight management.

Provided little or no fat is used when cooking them, and they are eaten in appropriate amounts, they can decrease the energy density of a meal helping you stay fuller on less calories.

Potatoes also contain many key vitamins and minerals with their associated health benefits. They are a source of potassium, vitamin C and vitamin B6.

Potatoes can be a good choice before working out. They are a starchy carbohydrate and so provide energy which is essential to exercise efficiently. It also makes each workout more effective in burning fat, rather than muscle.

Healthy cooking tips

■ Potatoes give soups a thick and creamy texture without having to add butter, or cream.

■ Most of the fibre content of a potato is in the skin, so leave it on if you can. This will also help keep the vitamins in during the cooking process.

■ If you are peeling potatoes, take just the thinnest layer off and don't leave them exposed to the air, or standing in water, longer than you have to, otherwise some of the vitamins will be lost.

■ Grill, steam or bake your potatoes, instead of roasting or frying, and use non-stick pans and non-stick foil when cooking as they don't require fat adding.

QUICK AND TASTY: Winter potato pot

Enjoy this hearty, warming Winter Potato Pot in under 30 minutes:

This delicious dish is the perfect way to keep you toasty in the cold weather.

Wholesome and chunky seasonal root vegetables, along with bacon and sprigs of fresh thyme, make this seasonal winter potato pot a scrumptious and flavoursome family favourite.

Quick, tasty and healthy, enjoy with a chunk of crusty bread on a cold night in, or serve for Sunday lunch for the whole family.

Ingredients

400g smooth potatoes (such as Desiree), skin on, cut into small cubes
5 rashers of lean bacon, each cut into three
1 small leek, thinly sliced
6 baby carrots, peeled and cut in half lengthways
¼ swede/turnip, peeled and cut into small cubes
300ml cider or stock (made with 1 vegetable stock cube)
2 sprigs fresh thyme leaves only
a handful of shredded curly kale
spray oil

Preparation

Spray a large pan with oil and heat.
Add the leek and bacon, cook for 3-4 minutes.
Add the potatoes, carrots, swede/turnip, cider (or stock) and thyme.
Bring to the boil and fast simmer for 15-20 minutes with lid on pan.
Five minutes before the end of cooking add the kale and lightly steam. Serve in deep bowls.

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IT'S A FACT Those born in snake years are wise, charming, gregarious, introverted, generous, and smart. Audrey Hepburn, Bob Dylan, Jean Simmons, Oprah Winfrey, Virginia Woolf, Brad Pitt, Greta Garbo, and Sir Roger Bannister were born in the year of the snake.

Claiming piece of the PPI pie

Citizen Money

Barclays, Lloyds, RBS and HSBC have earmarked billions of pounds to pay for the mis-selling of payment protection insurance.

In 2011, 11,000 people submitted claims for mis-selling, and another 19,000 complained last year. The real scandal of PPI is that you may very well be owed money that you don't even know about.

If you pay for a bank account, own a credit card, or have a bank loan, PPI fees may have been wrapped into the overall charges without your knowledge. It is supposed to insure you against inability to pay off your loans, if you take ill, or lose your job for instance. However, most of the people who were sold PPI are not actually eligible to claim it. To find out whether you have been paying for PPI, simply call your bank - it can tell you if you have ever paid these charges. If you have been sold PPI, you must then establish whether it was mis-sold to you.

A taste of the Orient

Spend a little, or splurge a lot, with personal shopper Sam Wylie-Harris. This week, celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year with a taste of the Orient

CHINESE DESIGNS: Right, kimono jacket and floral design pencil skirt. Left, white appliqued birdcage cushion

SPEND

Costume drama... Imbibe the traditional cheongsam style with this richly-coloured and slimming pencil skirt. Moda Floral Design Pencil Skirt, £12, from George at Asda. For stockists, visit http://direct.asda.com

Year of the snake... MAC has embraced the Chinese New Year celebrations and introduced a snake-inspired collection. Vibrant shades and shimmering finishes will help fashionistas create a striking look to mirror the festivities. MAC Year of the Snake, Powerpoint Eye Pencil and Zoom Lash, £14, Lipstick, £15.50, Large Eye Shadow, £16, and Beauty Powder, £22. Available from Selfridges nationwide, or visit www.maccosmetics.co.uk

Kissing cousins... Practise the art of Feng Shui at home, or work, with this cute set of purple cat ornaments, which are thought to bring money, luck and protection. Feng Shui set of two Purple Cat Ornaments, £15.75, from QVC. For stockists, visit www.qvcuk.com (item number 700366)

FENG SHUI: Set of two purple cat ornaments

SPLURGE

Bird song... A favourite symbol with Chinese emperors and artists, birds have captured the imagination for thousands of years. With whispers of white, pink, blue, green and plum blossom, this decorative cushion is perfect to brighten up your home. White Appliqued Bird Cage Cushion, £35, from Debenhams. For stockists, visit www.debenhams.com

Wise wrist... Swatch has continued its tradition of creating a timepiece to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a serpent-embellished white silicone strap. A person born in the Year of the Snake is thought to be flexible and intelligent, making this the ideal birthday gift. The Legend of White Snake, £51, from Swatch. For stockists call, 0845 296 2448 or visit www.swatch.com

Essence of the East... The striking flower motif on this modern kimono will look great draped over a pair of skinny black trousers. Okinawa Kimono Jacket, £69, from East. For stockists, visit www.east.co.uk

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The week in pictures

INSPIRATION: A work inspiration event took place at Nelson and Colne College. Left, level 1 beauty therapy student Madiya Ali demonstrates the art of face-painting, while (below) 13-year-olds Bradley Coffey and Jessica Littler, both pupils at Park High School, in Colne, have a go at pipework safety organised by Johnson Matthey, of Clitheroe.

FOILING CRIME: Louise Bleasdale, of Foulridge, and her 10-year-old son Reuben with PC Claire Sharples and PCSO Carla Pickard, who are giving local residents information on Rural Watch and home security

LIGHTS FANTASTIC: John Horan, left, and Stephen Alderson, of Alderson and Horan Funeral Services, are the main sponsors of Pendleside Hospice's Light up a Life campaign. They handed over £107,625, which was raised during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

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TASTE OFTHE ORIENT: Pupils from St John Thursby College, Burnley, sample some Oriental food for lunch to help celebrate Chinese new year. From left are Sundas Khalid, Jessica McGlimchey, Maryam Hassan, and Samuel Mackey.

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CHARITY CHEERS: George Heys and Elaine Dyda, front, with family and friends, at a fundraising evening, held by Burnley Lions Club, at Aldo's restaurant, Burnley, in aid of Pendleside Hospice

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DARE TOP DREAM Outgoing, open Darwen female, 32, likes keeping fit, socialising with friends, cinema, walks, meals out, seeking a guy, for a permanent relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136745 or send a text to 80360**

COME CLOSER Bubbly 35 yr old Bolton girl, full-time student, enjoys concerts, theatre, pubs and getting out and about, looking for friendship initially, hopefully leading to a relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 119064**

SPREAD THE LOVE Trustworthy, hardworking Bradford female, 39, enjoys 90s music, cinema, dining out, travelling and walks, looking for a reliable guy, 38-43,for a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 123880**

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN Down-to-earth Blackburn female, 41, works full-time, likes boxing, going to the gym, walks and travel, seeking to make new friends, to enjoy life with and hopefully more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 126532 or send a text to 80360**

ALL LEADS WELCOME Hard-working, non-smoking Bury female, 42, no-ties, likes football, watching films, 70s-80s rock, looking for an easygoing, fun, open-minded male, **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 129965**

LOVE INSPIRATION Sincere, loyal, hard-working, attractive Bradford female, 43, brown-hair, blue-eyes, many interest, seeks that special man, to share life and laughter. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 131572 or send a text to 80360**

TENDERNESS Friendly Bolton female, 44, nurse, enjoys gym, cinema, swimming and more, seeks kind, caring man, for an understanding, lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 107651**

ENJOYING TIME TOGETHER Bubbly, active, divorced Bolton female, 47, 5'7'', likes keeping fit and cooking, seeking a loving, loyal like a puppy, tall male, for cosy nights in and fun nights out. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 126130 or send a text to 80360**

NICE AND CURVY Decent-looking Lancs girl, 47, nice & curvy, very passionate & loving, wltm genuine, honest, good-looking male for a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 101569**

OUR MOMENT Slim, divorced Bolton female, 48, 5'11'', active lifestyle, enjoys riding, the beach and more, searching for similar sincere, easygoing man, who enjoys travel and an active life. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 103002 or send a text to 80360**

SHALL WE GIVE IT A GO? Petite, feisty Burnley lady, 49, bubbly, caring, sociable, loves dogs, would like to meet a similar man, confident and genuine, for a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134641 or send a text to 80360**

A LOT TO GIVE Genuine female, 49 years old, looking for a gentleman for a life-time relationship, likes cooking, travel, most things. Blackburn. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 854547**

GOOD ALL THIS TIME Easygoing Bolton female, 51, likes swimming, going to church, theatre, dancing, seeking an educated man, for long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 135587 or send a text to 80360**

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MEANINGFUL TIMES Warm, happy-go-lucky Manchester female, 51, 5'2'', size 10-12, loves good conversations, laughs and honesty, would like to meet a man, who wishes to know more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134022 or send a text to 80360**

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER Young at heart, divorced lady, 52 with a GSOH seeks a male 45-55 to share life and a laugh with. Enjoys the gym, salsa and tap dancing. Blackburn. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 111803**

FUN TIMES TOGETHER Reliable, honest Blackburn female, 52, 5'10'', hazel-eyes, slim-build, own house and car, likes nights out, holidays, holidays and having a laugh, wltm a man, to share life with.. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 128273 or send a text to 80360**

FOR YOUR LOVE Straight-forward, traditional and outgoing Burnley lady, 52, wants to meet a decent, sincere male, to find love and true happiness. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134281 or send a text to 80360**

CUTE AS CAN BE Active Bury mum, 52, likes meals out, nice country pubs, cinema and cosy times, simply looking for Mr Right, to share a little company, nice times and maybe happiness. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 107016**

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GET IN CONTACT Blue eyed, blonde Bolton female, 53, 5'6'', outgoing with a gsoh, enjoys nights out, cooking, travel, would like to meet honest, sincere man, for laughter fun and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134067 or send a text to 80360**

TELL IT TO MY HEART Hardworking Clitheroe lady, 53, own house, likes socialising with friends, cooking, eating in and out, holidays, seeking an attractive man, to settle down with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 126004 or send a text to 80360**

HOW ABOUT YOURSELF? Divorced, non-smoking female, 56, likes holidays, nights out, seeks genuine, kind chap, for a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136418 or send a text to 80360**

A NEW CHAPTER Genuine, attractive lady from Blackburn, 56, brunette, enjoy socialising and would like to meet a caring, presentable man with gsoh, for days out and friendship initially. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 111316 or send a text to 80360**

PLAY THE GAME Sweet Bolton girl, 56, 5'4'', brown-blonde hair, medium build, enjoys computers, reading and going to the gym, looking for a nice guy, to settle down with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 119949**

FROM THIS MOMENT Honest, easygoing Accrington female, 58, enjoys travel, holidays, days out and nice pub meals, seeking a decent chap, to enjoy life with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 126796 or send a text to 80360**

SHARING A LIFE Honest and happy Accrington lady, 58, 5'1'', own home, enjoys meals in & out, the countryside, holidays and more, seeking a decent, caring gent, for genuine company, friendship and love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 101002**

QUIET MOMENTS Tall, slim Colne lady, 61, likes eating out, countryside, seaside, looking for a non-smoking man, to enjoy life with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 133790 or send a text to 80360**

ENJOY LIFE'S JOURNEY Quiet Blackburn lady, 62, enjoys days out and holidays, seeking a non-smoking man, 5'6+, for friendship and long term happiness. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 137576 or send a text to 80360**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT Independent, warm and sympathetic Bolton female, 62, would like to meet an adaptable, easygoing man, for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136595 or send a text to 80360**

IS IT YOU? Easygoing, solvent Barnoldswick widow, 63, many varied interests, searching for a non-smoking man, with GSOH, for friendship and company. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 113226**

THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE Outgoing, attractive lady, 63, blonde, N/S, GSOH, enjoys good conversation, dancing travel & cooking. Semi-retired with own business, WLTM a smart solvent male 52-65 for friendship possibly more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 111809 or send a text to 80360**

LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE Non-smoking Blackburn female, 63, likes cinema, music, meals out, having a laugh, seeking a man, with similar interests **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 132031 or send a text to 80360**

FROM ONE TO ANOTHER Separated, loyal Bolton female, 63, 5'5'', dark blonde hair, brown eyes, care worker, enjoys meals out, theatre and travel, seeks an intelligent gent, for lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 100561**

SOMETHING LASTING Adaptable, relaxed and sensitive Bury female, 64, 5'1'', seeking a likeable, well-ordered male, for love and an honest future together. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136506 or send a text to 80360**

BY YOUR SIDE Sweet, considerate and truthful, divorced Bolton girl, 64, just looking to meet an independent, liberal gent, for friendship and a fresh start in life. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134730 or send a text to 80360**

HOW CAN YOU RESIST? Sensitive, lovable and truthful Blackburn female, 65, searching for a responsible, decent male, for fun times and happiness. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 868409**

WORTH A READ Bubbly, outgoing, chatty, tactile Bolton lady, 65, 5'6'', medium-build, home loving lass, loves the simple pleasures in life, seeking a loving, sincere man, to share life together. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 134379 or send a text to 80360**

HAPPY AND CARING Young at heart, outgoing Bolton woman, 65, green eyes, blonde, tactile, enjoys home-life, nice food/wine, nights out, visiting places and cinema, seeking a special guy, kind and fun, for love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 130628 or send a text to 80360**

SMILES BETTER TOGETHER Non-smoker Bolton female, 65, 5'6'', blonde-hair, medium-build, outgoing bubbly & chatty sincere lady, loves the simple pleasures in life, looking for someone who wants a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 121902**

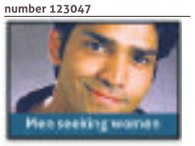
IT COULD BE YOU Slim Lancashire redhead, 66, Nurse, young outlook, looking for my soulmate. Could you be the one? **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 857045 or send a text to 80360**

HOPE TO MEET YOU! Outgoing, attractive Bolton widow, 66, blonde, green eyes, 5'2'', GSOH, likes walking, dancing, cinema, good conversation and dining in/out, seeking a genuine guy, for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 125167**

PLENTY OF LOVING Blonde, brown-eyed Blackburn lady, 70, 5'5'', many interests, would love to meet a lovely, sensible man, for tender loving care. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 101525**

TAKING THE FIRST STEP Young, blonde haired, blue eyed 75yr old Blackburn lady, petite, would like to meet an honest male to have a chat & a drink with. Likes going for country drives and weekend away. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 114823**

ALL FOR EACH OTHER Warm-hearted Lancashire widow, 76, 5'2'', slim-build, good sense of humour, looking for a chap, for companionship and perhaps more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 123047**



THINGS IN COMMON? Shy Blackburn male, 26, likes nights in and out, meals and generally having a good time, seeking a non-smoking female, for friendship leading to love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 115438 or send a text to 80360**

MERRY SPIRIT OF WONDER Loyal, determined and sensible Blackburn male, 32, would like to meet a sunny, adventurous lady, for happiness, love and laughter. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136386 or send a text to 80360**

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CARE FOR A WALK? Easygoing, reliable Blackburn guy, 37, tall, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys socialising, keeping fit and cinema, searching for a genuine woman, funny, caring and honest, for romantic dates and more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 114640 or send a text to 80360**

PLEASANT PERSONALITY Happy, intelligent Nelson guy, 39, 6', green-eyes, very fit and active, N/S, N/D, likes music, dancing, nice foods, looking for an sensitive, caring and romantic woman. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 117765 or send a text to 80360**

BE A WINNER! Non-smoking, hazel-eyed Manchester male, 42, slim, GSOH, enjoys nights out, keep fit, amateur dramatics, fun and laughter, searching for an older woman, for fun, laughter and lots more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136673 or send a text to 80360**

GOOD TIMES Single, straight male, 40, from Blackburn, 6ft, medium build, enjoys mountain-biking, running and walking the dogs. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 863820**

MORE LOVE TO COME Good-looking Chorley male, 43, 5'6'', blue/grey-eyes, enjoys cinema, meals out, would like to meet a woman, for love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 124303 or send a text to 80360**

HEART IN HAND Reliable, honest Accrington male, 43, enjoys walks, drives, places of interest, pub meals, seeking a woman, to share good times with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 129864 or send a text to 80360**

HAPPINESS AHEAD Romantic Chorley guy, 45, with a cheeky smile, slim build, likes cooking, nights in and getting out and about, seeks an active woman, to share good times together. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 108102**

THE ONE TO WATCH Well-built Leigh-based male, 45, 5'11'', attractive and fun, searching for a lady, any age, for fun times and maybe lasting love. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 103059**

MY TURN TO LOVE Good-looking Leigh male, 45, 5'11'', medium build, likes cosy nights in, socialising and dining, seeks a similar, sincere lady, to settle down with. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 104844**

FRIENDLY COMPANION Friendly, fun Blackburn male, 47, would like to meet a lady, for good times leading to more. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 138000**

WORD FOR WORD Easygoing male, 43, 5ft10, dark hair, blue eyes, gsoh, likes keeping fit, the outdoors, nights in/out, looking for a nice Wigan lady. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 877028 or send a text to 80360**

CARE FOR SOMEONE Active, delightful Accrington male, 47, own home, likes the outdoors, country pubs, keep fit, gardening, drives and holidays, seeks a fun female, to enjoy good times together. **Call 0905 005 2349 and enter box number 136105 or send a text to 80360**

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Vauxhall has added its powerful twin-turbocharged diesel engine to the seven-seater Zafira MPV to create a combination of space, pace and economy.

Powered by the 2.0-litre 195PS diesel engine, the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo has a maximum speed of 135mph and can achieve 0-60mph in 8.5 seconds.

With start/stop fitted as standard it can also achieve 50.4mpg and CO2 emissions of 149g/km.

Available to order now with prices starting from £27,685 on-the-road, the first Zafira Tourer BiTurbo models will arrive in showrooms in spring.

Ford triple crown

Ford won three out of a possible seven 2012 Euro NCAP best-in-class safety awards, with wins for new Kuga, Transit Custom and the B-MAX.

Kuga topped the SUV sector, Transit Custom triumphed in the business and family vans class, and B-MAX was the joint winner in the small MPV category.

Soft top DS3 is launched

Citroen's new soft top DS3, the Cabrio, has now been launched.

It's available to pre-order now, with first deliveries starting on the official 'on sale' date of March.

Three versions have been introduced, priced from £15,045 to £19,675 on the road and customers can choose from seven body colours, three roof designs and nine wheel styles.

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KAWA-BUNGA!: Chris 'The Stalker' Walker rides his Kawasaki under Paul Swift's Alfa. Inset, the special edition MiTo

ALFA'S SUPERBIKE CELEBRATION

By GILL JOHNSON

Alfa Romeo has just launched a Limited Edition of its MiTo, the Quadrifoglio Verde SBK, a product of a multi-year collaboration with the FIM World Superbike Championship.

Currently only 28 examples are destined for our dealerships – and to coincide with its arrival a world-first stunt took place around one of Silverstone's famous corners.

Pro bike racer Chris 'The Stalker' Walker rode a Kawasaki ZX-10R Ninja British Superbike underneath one of the models, as it was driven on two wheels by stunt driving ace Paul Swift.

Alfa is the ongoing sponsor of the FIM World Superbike Championship and the collaboration has led to the rapid special edition MiTo's birth.

First revealed at the Paris Motor Show last year, the model combines Alfa's passion for elegance with the excitement and competitive edge of superbikes.

Powered by the award-winning 1.4 Turbo MultiAir 170 bhp Quadrifoglio Verde engine, the head-turning limited edition features SBK decals, racing body kit including side skirts and rear lower spoiler, complemented by 18in alloy wheels and red Brembo brake callipers for added dynamism. The limited edition is available in solid black with an alfa red roof.

The motorsport-inspired theme continues inside the cabin, with red stitched Sabelt Alcantara sports seats with carbon fibre backs (normally a £2,000 option); sports pedals and red-stitched leather steering wheel and gearstick.

The Alfa MiTo also features dual-zone air conditioning, Blue&Me (Bluetooth hands-free system), cruise control, Alfa active suspension and parking sensors.

It is priced at £21,595 on the road, which represents a customer saving of around £1,200 over the standard MiTo Quadrifoglio Verde.

208 GTi is on the starting blocks

Peugeot has confirmed the starting price and key specification for the 208 GTi, with the promise that 'buyers will be delighted' with the car.

The flagship car for the range will start from £18,895 on the road for the three-door body style. It's not yet known if a five-door will be offered.

Lighter and lither than its predecessor, the 207 GTi, the new 1.6-litre turbocharged 208 GTi has a number of tricks up its sleeve.

It hits the right financial notes with CO2 emissions of 139g/km and achievable fuel economy expected to be in the mid-40s.

This is balanced with a 200bhp punch and maximum torque available from 1,700rpm. It accelerates from 0-62mph in 6.8 seconds. It is also rumoured to come equipped with a manual gearbox as standard. Among its equipment will be model-specific 17-inch alloy wheels, red painted front and rear brake calipers, twin chrome exhausts and a body-coloured rear spoiler.

LED daytime running lights will be standard, along with half-leather sports seats, DAB digital radio and rear parking sensors. The order books will open on March 1.

Swift addition has got the looks

Suzuki has added a new model to the Swift range, to sit between the Sport and the SZ3.

Adding features from the Swift Sport to the existing SZ3 spec, such as a boot spoiler and red stitching on the steering wheel and gear knob, the Swift SZ-L is aimed at buyers who want the looks, but don't need a 1.6-litre engine.

The SZ-L also adds 16-inch alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, cruise control and free metallic paint in a choice of four colours.

It uses only the 1.2-litre Dual-VVT petrol engine which produces 93bhp combined with CO2 emissions of 116g/km. Fuel economy is up to 56.5mpg.

The model is available with Suzuki's current 'VAT-free' offer which sees a 20per cent reduction in the purchase price.

That makes the SZ-L peerless value at £10,599 for the three-door, and £11,016 with five doors.

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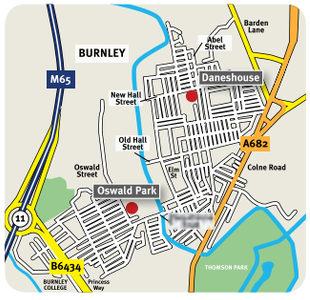

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'Clarets can bounce back'

By CHRIS FLANAGAN

David Edgar says Burnley must get back to winning ways quickly if they are to stay in play-off contention.

After a previous run of four league victories out of five, the Clarets have now gone three games without a win – with Edgar's goal not enough to prevent them losing 2-1 at Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

Another defeat for sixth-placed Middlesbrough meant Burnley are still within four points of the play-off places, but they have now slipped behind Brighton and rivals Blackburn Rovers to ninth position. Edgar says they must win games again soon to stay in the race, and has his sights set on a Turf Moor victory in the Clarets' next match.

"We need to get some more wins under our belt," said the defender.

"We have been really good of late, but we have just taken our foot off the gas a little. Before this, we were doing really well and flying high.

"The last few results have taken the shine off that a little and we need to make sure we put that right.

"Nobody wants to lose games, especially local derbies, and we will want to get a reaction. The type of team we are we will get one no doubt. We're looking for a reaction at home and I think we will put it right then."

Edgar looking for positive reaction

Edgar's goal, which put Burnley in front at the Reebok Stadium, was his first for the Clarets since he netted twice in a comeback victory at Hull in November 2011 – although he has scored for Canada since then.

"I was happy to score, but the result takes the shine off it a bit," said the 25-year-old, back in the starting line-up in place of the injured Michael Duff. "I am just disappointed that it was not the winning goal.

"We were on the front foot in the first half and in the beginning of the second half when we got the goal. You could see the whole atmosphere changing around the place with the crowd getting on their backs.

"Our fans were great and outscreamed the opposition, and we are just disappointed we did not give them the three points. We stopped playing our football. They went a bit more direct and put us under a bit more pressure, but we were quite comfortable.

"Even though they got the two goals we still defended well. We just stopped playing as a team. We have got to be mentally stronger and that is what the gaffer has been trying to get across to us. We need that little bit of composure."

ON TARGET: David Edgar heads Burnley ahead, but it wasn't enough to prevent them losing 2-1 at Bolton Wanderers

Young boxers turn on the style

Sandygate Boxing Club has been busy again, with two young fighters turning on the style in Manchester.

Brandon Hird, 10, and 15-year-old Charlie Martin were on the bill at Jimmy Egan ABC's home show, at the Wythanshawe Forum, Manchester.

Brandon, from Burnley, took part in a demonstration fight against S Humphries from the host club and demonstrated just what he could do.

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Martin, from Nelson, was up against home favourite D Kinsella in a three, two-minute round contest.

And the Sandygate fighter got better as the fight went on, ultimately forcing a standing eight count of Kinsella on his way to victory.

"Charlie and Brandon performed excellently away from home.

"We couldn't ask for more from the two," said coach Nik Tucker.

CERTIFICATES: Bradley Walker and Jack Moody at their black belt grading

Belting year ahead for teenager Jack

It promises to be a big year for young Jack Moody.

The 14-year-old from Burnley recently achieved his junior black belt at the Masters of Martial Arts grading, and in April will compete in the British Ju Jitsu championships held by the sports National Governing body the British Ju Jitsu Association.

And Jack, a pupil at St Wilfrid's High School, in Blackburn, has also been selected to represent his country to compete in the United Nations Championships, in South Africa, in October.

The black belt and the England call-up has been down to hard work and dedication. He has been training since the age of five years old, and received his black belt, alongside Bradley Walker, who has been a member of the Masters of Martial Arts since he was seven.

The pair received their junior black belt grading certificates in front of the junior black belt class which included more than 50 teenagers.

The club has also announced its student of the year winner. Nominees represented various clubs throughout the area after having met all requirements and demonstrated high proficiency and standards.

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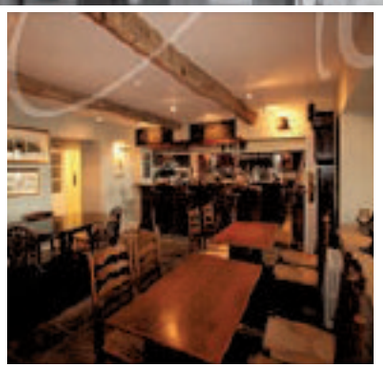

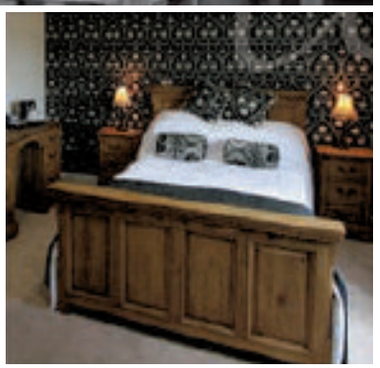

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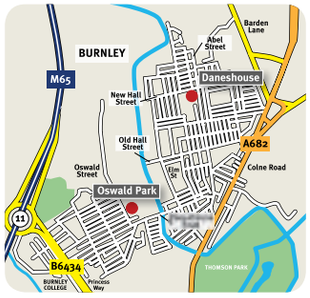

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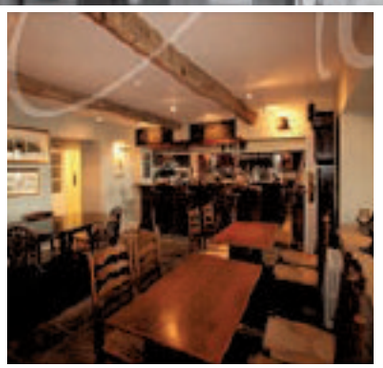

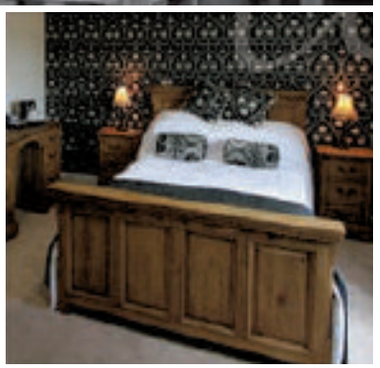

The Alma Inn

Laneshaw Bridge

Nestling in Pendle's magnificent countryside located on the Lancashire - Yorkshire border above the village of Laneshaw bridge, this rural coaching inn was originally built in 1725.

Following a very careful and sympathetic renovation, the inn, with stone floors, original beams and real fires, welcomes all for dwelling, drinking and dining. In a relaxed setting with friendly service, we offer seriously good local ingredients and fayre, cooked well and accompanied by a noteworthy selection of real ales and good wines.

Food & Drink

Dining at the inn is available in the Bar, Lounge and Garden Room and our full à la carte menu is available in each, with food served all day everyday from 12 noon until around 9pm. We are also open daily for breakfast to both guests and non-residents from 7am.

The inn's bar is open for drinks every day from 11am until late and with an extensive beverage selection, two guest cask ales always available and with welcoming real fires, comfortable seating and a selection of snacks, sandwiches, teas, coffees, homemade biscuits and pastries, this is the perfect place to sit back and relax, watching the comings and goings, simply with a drink in hand or with a plate of something delicious and a glass of wine.

Committed to buying the freshest produce from local suppliers and by preparing its dishes with affection, the Inn's cuisine has received from Taste Lancashire its utmost accolade of 'Highest Quality Assured'.

Weddings & Parties

Over the years, we have been lucky to hold many great weddings and parties. We are so committed to hosting your special event, the inn has its own wedding and function coordinator whose sole role is to take care of every detail and to ensure your expectations are fulfilled. The Inn has extensive function and wedding facilities and is licensed to conduct civil marriage ceremonies.

The Inn is arranged as such to facilitate an event of almost any size. Two large separate rooms are interconnected by large glazed folding doors which allow you to use both separately or combined depending upon your needs. For even larger events we can erect a marquee or the whole Inn can be reserved solely for your function. There is also ample parking provided at the rear, along with space for patrons to arrive by helicopter.

Four Star Accommodation

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